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An Act To Simplify and Consolidate Maine's Fishing Laws and Rules

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12452, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

§ 12452. Consolidation of rules

Fishing rules as set forth in the ~~annual~~ Open Water and Ice Fishing Regulations folder ~~and the annual Ice Fishing Regulations folder~~, as printed and distributed to the public, are declared to be official consolidations of fishing rules ~~upon filing~~ that have been filed with the Secretary of State.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12652, sub-§1, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §275 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

1. Prohibition. Except in accordance with section 12659-A, subsection 1, and as otherwise provided by rule, a person may not fish with more than 2 lines at any one time.

SUMMARY

This bill makes changes to the laws governing the season framework for open water and ice fishing to facilitate the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's simplifying and consolidating of open water and ice fishing seasons.